DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT

The Manufacture of Sodium Bichromate in the State.

READ—

Correspondence ending with letter No. 1492, dated 17th April 1940, from the Government Director, Industrial Concerns, Bangalore, submitting for consideration a note on the manufacture of Sodium Bichromate.

ORDER No. D. 5247-51—I. & C. 483-39-5, DATED BANGALORE, THE 15TH MAY 1940.

The question of manufacturing bichromates with the chrome ores available in the State has been under the consideration of Government for some time. A Committee consisting of the gentlemen named in the margin has gone into the question in detail. It has examined the information collected on the subject in the past, as well as the results of the experiments recently carried out in the Indian Institute of Science by Dr. K. R. Krishnaswamy, B.A., D.Sc. (Lond.), F.I.C. It recommends that as there is a shortage of sodium bichromate at present in the country, early steps should be taken to commence the manufacture of this chemical in the State and considers that the machinery and equipment required for a medium-sized factory could be obtained locally.

1. Mr. M. A. Sreenivasan, B.A., Director, Industrial Concerns.
2. Dr. K. R. Krishnaswamy, B.A., D.Sc. (Lond.), F.I.C.
3. Mr. B. Rama Rao, M.A., D.I.C., F.G.S., Director of Geology in Mysore.

2. The capital expenditure for a plant capable of producing 1¼ tons daily is estimated at Rs. 55,000, exclusive of the cost of crushing and grinding equipment which may require an extra expenditure of Rs. 15,000. In addition, the factory would require a working capital of Rs. 70,000. The Committee is of opinion that the factory may with advantage be located at Belagola.

3. Government approve of the scheme and request the Government Director of Industrial Concerns to take all the steps necessary for establishing the factory. Dr. Krishnaswamy has consented to act as Technical Adviser for the development and working of the scheme.

4. The Comptroller to Government is requested to place at the disposal of the Government Director a sum of Rs. 5,000, to be drawn as required, for preliminary expenses.

C. E. NORONHA,
Secretary to Government,
Development Department.

PUBLIC WORKS SECRETARIAT

The reduced rate for the occupation of the First Class Travellers' Bungalows be continued for a further period of one year from 15th April 1940.

READ—

Government Order No. P. W. 3075-3136—S, dated the 31st March 1939, directing that the fees for the occupation of First Class Travellers' Bungalows in the State be reduced from Rs. 1-8-0 to Re. 1 per room per day tentatively for a period of one year from 15th April 1939.

ORDER No. P. W. 4085-147—S, DATED BANGALORE, THE 10TH MAY 1940.

Government are pleased to direct that the reduced rate, *viz.*, Re. 1 (rupee one) per room per day, fixed in the Government Order read above, be continued for a further period of one year from the 15th April 1940.

N. SARABHOJA,
Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department.

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